

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Claims 1, 7, 13-19 have been amended. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-19 would be pending.

Claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-19 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clapp (U.S. Patent No. 6,073,192, hereafter Clapp) in view of Rodriguez et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,207, hereafter Rodriguez). Claims 5-6 and 11-12 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clapp in view of Rodriguez, and further in view of Kato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,824, hereafter Kato).

Claims 1, 7 and 13-19, as amended, are directed to an arrangement in which in a second operations mode, a control command is generated by an application program running in an external data processor and transition to the first mode is made automatically when the application program is terminated in the second operation mode. This feature is not believed to be taught or suggested by the cited references, individually or in combination. Accordingly, claims 1-19 are believed to be distinguishable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4681.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4681.

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